

There will be times throughout the day for Members and staff and the general public to pay their respects to these two men to say a prayer, to consider how much we owe these fallen colleagues and their families and all those like them throughout the country.

It is important to note that the public will be welcome in the Capitol during that time, and welcome to join us in our solemn tribute in the Rotunda, with the exception of only one hour in the afternoon where there will be a private opportunity for Members of Congress to observe and to pay our respects to these men.

It is most fitting that the public, our constituents from all over the country and all over the world, should be there with us, as they will be, for Officers Chestnut and Gibson and their colleagues were defending them, too.

I can understand the wish in some quarters to make the Capitol absolutely impregnable, or even to close it to the general public so that nothing like this could ever happen again. We will, of course, examine closely all of our security procedures again as we continue to do almost daily to see whether anything can be done to improve it. But we have to keep in mind that this Capitol is, more than any other edifice in the country, and certainly I believe in the world, the people's house.

When I walk out of my majority leader's office and take three steps, I am standing with constituents from all across America. They are there every day. Sometimes they seem surprised that they would see Senators and Congressman walking amongst them. But that is the way it should be. This building is accessible and it amazes our visitors, domestic and foreign, many of whom have had chance encounters with Members of Congress, the President's Cabinet, in the halls, in the dining rooms, in the elevators. The reason the Capitol is so open is that our society is so open. We pride ourselves on that fact.

The people's access to their Capitol is the physical manifestation of democracy. It represents something rare and precious, something all Americans take for granted. It represents the bond between those in high office and those who put them there. It represents, in short, our freedom.

For that freedom, throughout our history, men and women have been willing to stand guard, to fight if necessary, and to die on many fields in many places in the world.

They have done all that to protect their homes, to shield their loved ones, and to preserve their Nation. Some of those brave individuals are memorialized in the Capitol itself in statues of bronze and marble. They stand among us, mute but strangely eloquent about the price of liberty.

Tomorrow, amid those grand statues of heroes past, we will honor two of our own to whom heroism was simply duty.

For those two, for Officers Jacob Chestnut, affectionately known as J.J., and John Gibson, this open Capitol, with wide-eyed kids learning the Nation's history, with strangers from abroad awed by its grandeur, with Americans of all creeds and races and religions celebrating their common faith in God, and in one another, this Capitol itself will be their enduring monument.

#### SCHEDULE

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, the Senate later on today will adopt an appropriate resolution. It will be a joint resolution, House and Senate. We will confer with the leaders of both bodies on both sides of the aisle as to the appropriate time to have that vote, and we are reviewing the language at this time.

In addition to that, we will resume consideration later on today of the credit union bill which was debated last Friday. I understand that Senator HAGEL will be present later on to offer his amendment regarding credit union loans. Senator SHELBY is tentatively scheduled to offer his amendment at about 3:30.

By previous consent, a rollcall vote with respect to the Gramm amendment will occur at approximately 5:30, or shortly thereafter, but not later than 5:45. It is also hoped that we will vote in relation to the Hagel amendment immediately following that vote, and therefore two stacked votes are expected at around 5:30 this afternoon, with the possibility of one other.

After the Senate completes consideration of the credit union bill, it will move to available appropriations bills. We have three or four that could be available this week. Health care legislation is on the agenda for the week, plus any conference reports that become available and any legislative or executive items, and we do expect, because of the cooperation we received on appropriations bills, we will be able to move a number of Executive Calendar nominations this week. This is the final week prior to our August recess period, when we will have an opportunity to go to our respective States, so I know our days and nights will be quite busy. It is necessary we do that to complete our work.

I thank all Senators in advance for their cooperation.

I yield the floor.

Mr. THURMOND addressed the Chair. The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. HAGEL). The Senator from South Carolina.

Mr. THURMOND. Mr. President, I have another engagement at this time, but sometime during the day I expect to make a statement on the death of Officer Chestnut and Officer Gibson, heroes of the Senate.

#### TRIBUTE TO OFFICERS JACOB CHESTNUT AND JOHN GIBSON

Mr. MACK. Mr. President, I rise today to honor John Gibson and Jacob

"J.J." Chestnut, the officers who gave their lives Friday in the line of duty.

For Members of the Senate, I would remind them that John Gibson was one of the individuals who was a part of our security detail on our most recent retreat. Yesterday morning, after an early morning run, I stopped by the Capitol where people had placed flowers at the steps, and I talked with a young officer who told me how proud he was of J.J. J.J. was the kind of person who, after 20 years of service in the military, took under his wing the new men and women who were coming into the Capitol Hill Police Force service and to help them on a personal basis, giving them tips about the kinds of things to which they needed to pay attention with their training, the kinds of things they ought to try to accomplish when they are dealing with our constituents when they come into the Capitol.

Many times, I am sure, we forget the difficulty of the duty that they have, on the one hand to be trained to the extent to react the way they reacted on Friday, unselfishly, putting themselves in harm's way so that others may survive, but at the same time having the responsibility of treating our constituents, our friends, our neighbors, when they come to the Capitol, with such graciousness. It is a really difficult job, and I just want to express to the members of the Capitol Hill Police Force, all of those who participate in providing security, our deep appreciation for what they do on a day-to-day basis. Each day we come to work, we pass these officers. As the majority leader said, some of them we know by name, others we have become friends with.

I particularly remember C.J. Martin over at the Delaware entrance in the Russell Building, how each morning we would discuss some very personal things about our lives, the kinds of common bonds, if you will, that we shared. And so, while I didn't know J.J. Chestnut and John Gibson to the degree that I have known other members of the police force here, I know that they were very special people. Again, listening to that young officer talk about how J.J. would stand at that door, erect in that military stance, with great pride, frankly, in the job that he performed, and the reaction that he had, again, with the people as they came in, we don't take what they do for granted, and we want them to know that we are concerned about them and we are concerned about their families.

I had the opportunity on Friday evening to visit the families of J.J. Chestnut and John Gibson and to express to them our deep concern and our love for them, wanting them to know that we cherish their fathers, their husbands, that they mean a great deal to us, that we will do what we can to comfort them, that we won't forget them, that we will remember the families.

While the officers are the ones who lost their lives, now it is a tough and